



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

NORWICH, CONNECTICUT



JUNE 29TH, 2025 — SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This is to inform you that Fr. Jim Sucholet will be transferred to assist Fr. Brian Converse, Pastor of three parishes, Our Lady of Lourdes in Gales Ferry, Sacred Heart and St. Mary in Groton. This new appointment for Fr. Jim is effective Tuesday, July 1st, 2025. There are also other priests, in the Diocese, who will be reassigned. Meantime, Fr. Ray Introvigne will be helping us with weekend Masses. Monday morning and First Saturday Masses at St. Joseph Parish will be canceled, effective July 1, 2025. The already combined scheduled Monday and First Saturday Mass intentions at St. Joseph Parish will be transferred to Sacred Heart Parish and be celebrated on Mondays.

In expressing our thankfulness to Fr. Jim for his outstanding priestly ministry among us, you are invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving, presided by Fr. Jim, on Sunday, July 20th at 9:00am at St. Joseph Church followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

On behalf of St. Joseph Church, I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to Fr. Jim for his dedicated priestly ministry and faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is kind, compassionate and spiritually attentive to the needs of many of us. His exceptional devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, has been deeply inspirational. Truly, Fr. Jim's love for liturgical candles and statues of the different saints has no limit in numbers.

Fr. Jim's commitment to visiting those homebound, the Rehab Center and hospital has been deeply appreciated. His kind words were of great comfort to all. We are all grateful for his moving homilies, spiritual guidance, effective catechesis, active participation in parish socials, and colorful decorations of the church.

As Fr. Jim continues forward, we all pray and wish him daily abundant blessings, deep peace and joy of knowing the many lives he has touched.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Les Janik, Pastor

PARISH STAFF

Clergy

Msgr. Leszek T. Janik, *Pastor*
Fr. James J. Sucholet, *Parochial Vicar*

Office Staff

Karen Abbott Morrison, *Secretary*
Dona Stankov, *Bookkeeper, Tues. 9am Only*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thurs.: 9am - 2pm
Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm
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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am (*English & Polish*)

Mon: 8:00 am (*Please enter through the Cliff Street door*)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:15—3:45 pm

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Masses

Vigil Mass Sat. Evening: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 8:00 am

Thurs: 6:00 pm at **St John Mission, Fitchville, CT**

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00—3:45 pm



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 6/28: VIGIL SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

4:00 pm † **Sophie & Benjamin Lukowski**

From Dennis & Reggie Burke

SUN 6/29: SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

9:00 am † **Paul Cubanski**

With love from Lori Cubanski Carlo

MON 6/30: 1ST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

8:00 am **Multiple Intentions**

† **Genevieve Sucholet**

From Dr. Jeremiah & Virginia Lowney

† **Patrick Gaska**

From Marianne Juber

† **Jim Flynn**

From Tom & Lucia Leise

NEXT SUNDAY: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 7/5: 4:00 pm † **Evelyn A. Sienkiewicz**

SUN 7/6: 9:00 am † **Sophie Wnek**

From the Sieczkowski family

MON 7/7: 8:00 am **at Sacred Heart Church**

Multiple Intentions

† **Annielese Zimmer**

From family

† **Deacon Francis Bachard**

From family

† **Frank Obuchowski**

From Fr. James Sucholet

STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOSEPH

Offertory June 21/22: \$ 1,998.

Memorial \$ 245;

Thank you for supporting Our Beloved Parish!

Second Collection NEXT Weekend is For:

Monthly Maintenance



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is lit for

Genevieve Sucholet

From Joe & Betty Trudelle

FATHER JIM'S LETTER

My Dear Family, Parishioners and Friends,

As we transition into the summer months together, I have been informed that as of Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, I am officially transferred to the TRI-PARISH COMMUNITY of: SACRED HEART, GROTON; SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF THE REDEEMER, GROTON LONG POINT; and OUR LADY OF LOURDES, GALES FERRY. I will be assisting Very Reverend Brian J. Converse, Pastor and Dean of the New London Deanery, along with Deacons Douglas Hoffman and Christopher Hammond, Ph.D. Father Brian Converse and I have known each other since we were seminarians for the Norwich Diocese in the 1980's and we were Ordained to the Priesthood together on May 25th, 1991. My sister Marygrace Webb is a member of this community with her home not too far in Mystic. I was totally surprised with this transfer, still adjusting to life after the deaths of my brother Paul in 2021, my sister-in-law Susan in 2022 and my dear Mom in 2024. You have all been a great comfort to me and my sister at this time of personal loss.

Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele,

Niniejszym informujemy, że ks. Jim Sucholet zostanie przeniesiony do pomocy ks. Brianowi Converse'owi, proboszczowi trzech parafii: Matki Bożej z Lourdes w Gales Ferry, Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa i Najświętszej Maryi Panny w Groton. Ta nowa nominacja dla ks. Jima wchodzi w życie we wtorek, 1 lipca 2025 r. W diecezji są też inni księża, którzy zostaną przeniesieni na inne stanowiska. W tym czasie ks. Ray Introvigne będzie nam pomagał w odprawianiu weekendowych Mszy św. Poniedziałkowe poranne Msze św. i Msze św. w pierwszą sobotę w parafii św. Józefa zostaną odwołane z dniem 1 lipca 2025 r. Już połączone intencje Mszy św. w poniedziałek i pierwszą sobotę w parafii św. Józefa zostaną przeniesione do parafii Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa i będą odprawiane w poniedziałki.

Wyrażając naszą wdzięczność ks. Jim za jego wybitną posługę kapłańską wśród nas, zapraszamy do udziału we Mszy św. dziękczynnej, której będzie przewodniczył ks. Jim, w niedzielę 20 lipca o godz. 9:00 w kościele św. Józefa, a następnie wszyscy są zaproszeni na przyjęcie w Centrum Parafialnym.

W imieniu całej parafii Świętego Józefa, pragnę wyrazić głęboką wdzięczność ks. Jim za jego oddaną posługę kapłańską i wierne świadectwo Ewangelii Jezusa Chrystusa. Był życzliwy, współczujący i duchowo wrażliwy na potrzeby wielu z nas. Jego wyjątkowe nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa, Matki Bożej i św. Józefa było dla wielu głęboką inspiracją. Rzeczywiście, miłość ks. Jim do zapalonych świec liturgicznych i figur różnych świętych nie ma granic co do liczby.

Zaangażowanie ks. Jim w odwiedzanie osób przebywających w domach, w ośrodku rehabilitacyjnym i szpitalu zostało głęboko docenione. Jego miłe słowa były wielką pociechą dla wszystkich. Wszyscy jesteśmy wdzięczni za jego poruszające homilie, kierownictwo duchowe, skuteczną katechezę, aktywny udział w spotkaniach towarzyskich parafii i barwne dekoracje kościoła.

Wszyscy modlimy się i życzymy dla ks. Jim codziennie obfitych błogosławieństw, głębokiego pokoju i radości z poznania wielu, których dotknął w głęboki sposób.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Les Janik, Pastor

Coming to SAINT JOSEPH, SACRED HEART, NORWICHTOWN, SAINT JOHN MISSION to assist Monsignor Les Janik, who I have known was a great joy! Also, my "roots" are in NORWICH. Born, educated, and being able to serve my "home parish" of SAINT JOSEPH'S which my Polish grandparents and parents and family members have always been parishioners. This assignment was a "dream come true!" I was able to put my heart and soul into these great Churches. Msgr. Les and I certainly made a "great team" in building up this portion of the Kingdom of God with your help, support and friendship. The only other "native son priest" to serve SAINT JOSEPH'S, was Monsignor Alfred J. Sienkiewicz for ten years. I expected to surpass that! However, these are challenging times without sufficient priests. I don't like to say "goodbye," just simply "till we meet again soon." Until then, let's continue to pray for one another. Devotedly yours in Jesus, Mary, Saint Joseph, may you all continue your journey of faith. Fr. Jim

As of July 1st, 2025: you may reach out to father at:

Father James J. Sucholet
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